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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2685  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: METHOD OF COMBINING AT LEAST TWO RECEIVED SIGNALS OF A  
TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pelin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,937,014) in view of Benveniste (US Patent 6,259,922).

Regarding claim 1 (and claim 6, which recites a receiver having similar features), the grounds of rejection state that Pelin et al. disclose a receiver (citing Figure 1 for a base station telecommunication receiver) and its "method of combining at least two received signals of a